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FM AMEMBASSY PARIS  
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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

EO 11652: N/A  
TAGS: TECH FR SF  
SUBJECT: FRENCH PURCHASE OF SOUTH AFRICAN URANIUM

REF: PARIS 20434

1. FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD CONFIRMED  
JULY 21 THAT FRANCE HAD SIGNED A CONTRACT FOR THE  
PURCHASE OF SOUTH AFRICAN URANIUM, SPECIFYING THAT IT  
HAD BEEN HANDLED ON A PURELY COMMERCIAL BASIS. THE  
ARRANGEMENT PROVIDES FOR DELIVERY OF ONE THOUSAND  
TONS PER YEAR FOR TEN YEARS BEGINNING IN 1980.  
GUIRINGAUD ADDED THAT THIS WAS SIX PERCENT OF TOTAL  
FRENCH PURCHASES OF URANIUM ABROAD AND THUS HAS NO  
INFLUENCE OVER SUPPLIES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. HE  
ADDED THAT IT WAS NORMAL FOR FRANCE TO SEEK TO  
DIVERSIFY ITS SOURCES OF SUPPLY OF URANIUM AT A  
MOMENT WHEN IT HAS DECIDED TO ACCELERATE ITS CONSTRUC-  
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TION OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY SOURCES IN THE COMMISSARIAT  
A L'ENERGIE ATOMIQUE WERE UNABLE AS LATE AS WEDNESDAY  
AFTERNOON TO CONFIRM OR DENY THAT THE CONTRACT HAD BEEN  
SIGNED. AND THE SCIENCE COUNSELOR OF THE SOUTH  
AFRICAN EMBASSY TOLD EMBOFF THAT NONE OF THE AFFAIR

HAD CROSSED HIS DESK, BUT THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN SUR-  
PRISED INASMUCH AS THE RANDFONTEIN ORGANIZATION IN  
HIS COUNTRY WAS VERY SECRETIVE.  
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